

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A sealing device for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a shaft reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member surrounding an outer periphery thereof, the sealing device comprising

a washer;

a main lip integrally bonded to a sealed space side of the washer and slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface of said shaft;

an auxiliary lip integrally formed in an outer peripheral side ~~thereof~~ of the main lip;

a backup ring fitted to a portion between an atmosphere side of ~~the~~ a slidable surface of said main lip and an inner peripheral portion of said washer and ~~bearing~~ separating said main lip from the atmosphere side and the inner peripheral ~~side~~ portion of said washer;

a dust lip integrally bonded to the atmosphere side of said washer and slidably brought into close contact with the outer peripheral surface of said shaft; and

an outer peripheral lip integrally bonded to the outer peripheral portion of said washer and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member,

wherein said auxiliary lip is brought into being in close contact with an inner peripheral surface of an inner peripheral step portion extending parallel to a longitudinal axis of the shaft and being formed in an inner periphery of a rod guide, the rod guide having a contact portion with said washer ~~in a rod guide~~ and said rod guide being fixed to said outer peripheral member and said rod guide also having an inner peripheral surface closely faced to an outer peripheral surface of said shaft so as to be continuous between said shaft and said outer peripheral member in a circumferential direction, with a proper fastening margin.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A sealing device for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a shaft reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member surrounding an outer periphery thereof, the sealing device comprising

a washer;

a main lip closely fitted to a main lip holding concave portion formed in a sealed space side in an inner peripheral portion of the washer so as to be continuous in a circumferential direction and slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface of said shaft;

a backup ring fitted to a portion between an atmosphere side of ~~the~~ a slidable surface of the main lip and a rising surface of an inner peripheral portion of said main lip holding concave portion of the washer, said main lip holding concave portion including the rising surface extending in a direction radially outwardly from the shaft and terminating in a surface extending perpendicular to the rising surface, and said backup ring bearing said main lip ~~from~~ between the atmosphere side and the inner peripheral side portion of the washer;

a dust lip integrally bonded to the atmosphere side of said washer and slidably brought into close contact with the outer peripheral surface of said shaft; and

an outer peripheral lip integrally bonded to the outer peripheral portion of said washer and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A sealing device for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a shaft reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member surrounding an outer periphery thereof, said sealing device comprising

a washer;

an auxiliary washer arranged in a sealed space side of said washer, said auxiliary washer including an L-shape having a disc portion and a cylinder portion,

said disc portion ~~in a state of~~ being brought into contact with a rod guide fixed to said outer peripheral member and ~~having~~ an inner peripheral surface of said auxiliary washer being closely faced to an outer peripheral surface of said shaft, and ~~having~~ an outer peripheral portion of said cylinder portion of said auxiliary washer being pressure-inserted and fitted to between said washer and said outer peripheral member;

a main lip integrally bonded to a sealed space side in an inner peripheral portion of the auxiliary washer and slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface of said shaft;

an outer peripheral lip integrally bonded to an outer peripheral portion of said auxiliary washer and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member;

a backup ring fitted to a portion between an atmosphere side of ~~the~~ a slidable surface of said main lip and an inner peripheral portion of said washer and bearing said main lip from the atmosphere side of the main lip and the inner peripheral side, said backup ring being completely separated from said auxiliary washer by said main lip interposed therebetween; and

a dust lip integrally bonded to the atmosphere side of said washer and slidably brought ~~----~~ into close contact with the outer peripheral surface of said shaft.